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It is certified that an error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Renumber "Claim 8" as --Claim 9--

Renumber "Claim 9" as --Claim 10--

Re-insert CLAIM 8 as allowed --8. A method for making carbon fibers, the method including the steps of: providing a precursor fiber; providing a furnace configured to heat the fiber for both stabilization and carbonization of the fiber; and stabilizing and carbonizing the fiber in a single continuous process that includes drawing the fiber continuously through the furnace by engaging and applying a continuous pulling force to the fiber from outside the furnace.--

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